

Informants report set forth herein exactly as received except for corrections in spelling and grammar:

March 7, 1963

Dr. BILLY JAMES HARGIS and Gen. EDWIN A. WALKER spoke to a group of around 1,000 persons at the McKay Auditorium in Tampa, Florida, Monday night, March 4, 1963. Although scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M., the meeting did not get under way until around 8 o'clock.

Two young men in dark suits distributed copies of the "National Christian News" on the sidewalk, near the street from which one of the sidewalks led to the auditorium entrance. Some persons entering the auditorium from the other sidewalk to entrance did not receive copies of "National Christian News".

b7c [redacted] was standing at the entrance to the auditorium. During the meeting, he was often observed standing at the rear of the auditorium, sometimes with [redacted] a young man in a dark suit, and a woman (senior citizen age, below average height), who have been observed in attendance at [redacted] meetings in the past, were also in attendance. Another man (described in last [redacted] report as man in business suit, below average height, dark hair - thinning in front) was present and was addressed in a friendly fashion as "Hi, [redacted]". The person who addressed him thus was [redacted] active in Civitan Club locally. [redacted] was also present. She identified a thin red-haired young man, who carried a flag (American) on a staff about two feet long, as a past President of the Sertoma Club, whose wife had recently had some publicity because of a recipe she had submitted to the local paper. (Sertoma Club of St. Petersburg). The red-haired man was sitting in a row a couple of places from an unidentified man with a poster on a stick.

In the line of persons waiting to reach the ticket window to make their donations of one dollar each to enter meeting, a number of placards for General WALKER were observed being carried on sticks.

The audience was composed of a mixture of ages, ranging from late teens to senior citizens, and responded by applause or by standing (for General WALKER) in apparent enthusiasm for sentiments expressed by speakers. BILLY HARGIS spoke first, followed by an interval in which there was a collection. He also spoke for awhile after the collection, then presented General WALKER who was still speaking at 10:15 P.M. [redacted] put a collection envelope in the offering.

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General WALKER:

He said that in many foreign lands the news never gets abroad that there are meetings like this, good patriotic meetings. This will never get out of the country because of the iron curtain which prevents it from getting to the French, Germans, Italians, etc. Today, we can't afford to have our soldiers told about the enemy. We might say something that will embarrass the State Department in one of its talks with the Soviets. I resigned from the military service to be free. I resigned from the Democratic and Republican parties to be free. I refuse to be controlled by Washington in any of these three areas: military, either political party, or no-win administration of Federal Government. The administration is not the Government of U. S. The Government is of, by and for the people. They are temporary administrators placed there by your decision. They are temporary administrators unless they become dictators or a dynasty. When that happens you see and you have the destruction of the party system and its effectiveness. I belong to the people's free party of all Americans, a party which no man can deny being a part of unless he has joined the conspiracy to overthrow the USA. I refuse to lead American soldiers under the UN command. I refuse to be a member of a party which plans to place all authority and all military forces under the UN. Both support the UN and both give foreign aid and train our enemy soldiers. Your liberal side of both parties have a wide great serious split. Your newspapers are missing it by omission and by intent and put control and censorship out of Washington, D. C. This is most serious in the Democratic Party. You can spread the word wide. The press is suppressing it. The liberals did not know that KRUSHCHEV had to take control of Cuba under their liberal eyes. There are all sorts of twists looking like good articles trying to make it appear that RAUL CASTRO took over FIDEL CASTRO. Under EISENHOWER the State Department knew CASTRO was a communist and supported him going into Cuba. Your President KENNEDY has lost support across the land and we will see that he loses more. WALKER said KENNEDY's operation about Cuba showed the other countries.

You have bought back 1,100 prisoners and you gave away six million people. It was not ransom at all. It was foreign aid. Your medicine was transported and headed to Moscow within a week after they got there. Mr. KENNEDY is in a very precarious position. He is on the threshold of having to admit that he is playing for communist support. Seven million pieces of literature

In his opening remarks, HARGIS thanked MARY GRIMM (sp?), Gen. LOWRY, Florida Coalition of Patriotic Societies for their support. He also expressed appreciation to the Conservative Society for its support by placing an ad. in the paper. HARGIS also announced that it had come to his attention that some anti-Semitic material had been distributed outside the meeting and he wished it to be clearly understood that this material had no connection with this meeting. All the literature which they promoted was on their literature table in the lobby.

The following paragraphs are taken from notes taken in shorthand up to 10:15 P.M.:

HARGIS quoted from J. EDGAR HOOVER on Reds holding an advanced detachment in United States. The St. Louis Globe Democrat exposed the fact that MARTIN LUTHER KING's assistant was JACK M. GOBEL or JOBEL (sp?) also known as HUNTER FITZ O'DELL. He made these statements in making his points on the threat of internal communism.

HARGIS listed another point as the communist attempt to infiltrate legitimate non-communist organizations. He said the FBI has just released figures of 200 organizations.

If we are going to win this war, the first thing we have to do is outlaw the Communist Party. We have laws that will prosecute communists if the Attorney General will use them. In speaking of law requiring communists to register, he said until this day not a single member has obeyed the law of the land. Now, it is up to Attorney General KENNEDY to arrest these people. He can't enforce the law of the land because of what he describes as difficulties of prosecution, but they can enforce the Supreme Court decision and spend twenty-five million dollars to do it. If the Attorney General is unwilling, then let him resign and we will get another. He said he, HARGIS, had been questioned about tax exemption of his movement.

He said the vote to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities was up 14 in two years. He was critical of newspapers because they did not play up this vote more. It was on page 23 in Palm Beach paper, and on the obituary page in "Miami Herald". They have been complaining about muzzling news. What have they got to complain about? They have been muzzling news for years.

He said that in December, 1961, there was a statement made in Moscow - Get rid of anti-communists. He mentioned visiting with

JOSEPH MIER of Passion Play in Florida, and stated that this man was a patriot. All these lies they tell about HARGIS, CARL MCINTYRE, WALKER, they said about CHRIST.

He spoke of apostasy in religion and said it is quite possible for you to visit protestant churches in Tampa, and never hear the name of JESUS CHRIST except in prayer. Apostasy means falling away, he said. When ministers promote the communist cause, do not blame the church, blame the ministers. He spoke of socialism being preached in the name of Christianity. He said the National Council of Churches is either naive or ignorant. What are we going to do about Cuba? The problem is that we never should have let him have it in the first place. He mentioned the National Council of Churches (NCC) as joining hands to abolish the HUAC. He said they were not supposed to lobby. The NCC wants you to think they represent 45 million Protestants. Why is the NCC mad at the HUAC? They are mad because they are afraid the HUAC will open a full investigation. The HUAC did investigate them in 1960. He mentioned literature on the literature table to this effect (literature table contained hearing on Air Force Manual.)

He said we had fallen for semantics in calling the HUAC the HUAC, which stressed the word "Un-American", when it was properly the HCUA. He spoke of the film, "Operation Abolition" and the criticism of it by NCC. He quoted a man named JOSEPH HUNTER, NCC representative of Arkansas, on the film, and also as saying the FBI is just a secret police organization. NCC has group of atheists touring the country. He mentioned article in "Life" two years ago which quoted PETER DERIABEN (sp?), Soviet defector, on subject of communist domination of these touring Russian groups.

In paper on August 19, the NCC was announced as supporting move to exchange Soviet clergy, Sunday School teachers, and Theology professors with ours. He read this in a Seattle Post Intelligencer newspaper.

He said the "Chattanooga News Free Press" is best paper published in U. S. He said "Time Magazine", July 6, 1962, said Justice DOUGLAS expressed the view that "In God We Trust" and prayer in Congress are unconstitutional. HARGIS suggested passing amendment to Constitution to curb U. S. Supreme Court and limit their term of office. If we develop "hate communist" attitude we will lose, but if we promote love our brethren and a desire to protect our children, we will win.

He announced that Gen. WALKER is now an Associate Editor of the "American Mercury". He announced his pleasure that "Tampa Times"

are authorized to be passed through mail by KENNEDY administration. EISENHOWER and KENNEDY both support the UN with your money. This nation could have defended itself with a lot less money. They both support the repeal of the CONNOLLY Amendment. One ordered troops into Little Rock and one into Mississippi. Both run at the beck and call of KRUSHCHEV. Now, it is closer and they can meet in Cuba. If national policy continues as it does now, you will see liquidation of South Vietnam. He, WALKER, was critical of leader in this area. If State Department likes someone, you can be sure, and if NBC and CBS keep on you can be right to take opposing view. He spoke of common market and said that when he saw those who desired it, "I knew where I stood and that I was against it".

To a Frenchman there is not much difference whether KRUSHCHEV is in Cuba 90 miles away or in Florida.

WALKER said: "Your State Department is full of traitors and people that should be tried for treason".

If treason means what I think it does, failing to support oath of office to U. S., he said, it is not an oath to the UN. Patriotic youth are saying that they will serve U. S., but not UN. There is a witch hunt going on every day in the armed services, politics and whether this man is going to resent serving under UN. Mr. FULBRIGHT can't find anything under his bed, but extremists. He would sleep with communists and be very happy. Don't forget that each one of the previous Presidents had a brother. One had MILTON, one had BOBBY. The Court has been going left so fast it ought to have crossed itself. EISENHOWER blocked McCARTHY investigations; KENNEDY muzzled the military. WALKER was also critical of ROCKEFELLER who might be in charge in future. If the KENNEDYS want to give their inheritance to the mental institutions, let them do this and leave us alone.

He said you are working at a rate of four months out of the year for U. S. Government.

Did we not have the Monroe Doctrine to protect them? Can a country 7,000 miles away take us over? We have given them them without a shot being fired. Korea was a giveaway decided by 14 nations. I had to give commands in Korea that today you cannot shoot because it is not a shooting day. You could not attack in battalion without orders from Washington, D. C. The State Department was not through with RHEE until they kicked him out. I Can't tell whether or not in Washington, D. C. if CHIANG KAI CHEK is on our side or is going to be kicked to the other.

He was critical of EUGENE BERNALD (sp?), International Media Company, for failing to get message through about Cuba. This company has two to three hundred radio stations all over world. Admiral KIMMEL and Gen. SHORT were muzzled about WWII. The military gets blamed for everything. The CIA ran it with intent to leave those Cubans down there because they did not want them.

In speaking of censorship, he quoted Senator THURMOND as saying that where the word victory was used it was crossed out. STENNIS is on the fence so high that if he fell off he would break his neck. KEATING is liberal. It is wrong to let KEATING carry the load and needs a man that deserves the show. EISENHOWER stopped McCARTHY when he had his finger pointed at Ft. Monmouth.

He spoke of efforts to convince people that military are about to take over USA. The Military Joint Chiefs of Staff were not allowed in any of the discussions on Cuba. Gen. GEORGE PATTON should have lived today and you would have had a leader. Do not be fooled that HITLER declared war on us. He, HITLER, was amazed and surprised when we declared war on him. (applause from back of auditorium). It would be interesting to read RUDOLF HESS' reports.

At beginning of meeting, HARGIS stated that no tape recordings of this meeting would be allowed.

March 8, 1963

Source stated on 3/8/63 that following items were distributed outside meeting place on 3/4/63:

Throwaway of NSRP, State Hdq., P. O. Box 15065,
Tampa 3, Fla.;

Feb. '63 issue of "National Christian News";

Throwaway "Disarmament - Surrender", distributed
by F. D. POST, 249 9th Ave., NE, St. Petersburg,
Florida, edited by THEODORE JACKMAN, P. O. Box
9517, Treasure Island, Florida;

Throwaway "Official Definition of Democracy";

Free offer of issues of "All New Christian Crusade
Magazine" and "American Socialis...Moving America
Downhill", by Christian Crusade, Tulsa, Oklahoma.



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BILLY JAMES HARGIS
RACIAL MATTERS

Source One, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that during February, 1963, the Denver Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP), made plans to organize various groups in Denver to picket the proposed public meeting to be held in Denver, Colorado, on March 26, 1963, at which time former Major General Edwin A. Walker and the Reverend Billy James Hargis would speak at a rally on the question of Communism.

Source One further reported that during the month of March, meetings were held in the home of [REDACTED] b7C
Denver Chapter, Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC), at which time plans were formulated and finalized for the picketing of the meeting.

Source Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 26, 1963, that the Denver Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) received instructions from the national office to picket the Walker-Hargis meeting.

Source Three, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 26, 1963, that a press release was issued by the Committee Against Undemocratic Action reporting that a number of Denver organizations and individuals would carry out a peaceful picket of the meeting promoted by "Operation Midnight Ride" at East Denver High School featuring

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Hargis and Walker. The press release reported that the following groups would participate in the picketing:

Committee for Non-Violent Action,
C.U. (Colorado University) Ad Hoc Committee
to Picket Hargis and Walker,
Democratic Action Committee of Boulder,
Denver Young Peoples Socialist League,
Fair Play for Cuba Committee,
Socialist Workers Party.

The release reported that several other organizations are picketing on an entirely independent basis, including the Student Peace Union at Denver University and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The "Colorado Daily" newspaper, published by the students at the University of Colorado, reported on March 21, 1963, that a group was being formed to picket the Walker-Hargis meeting and would operate under the auspices of the Denver Congress of Racial Equality (CORE).

Source Four, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 26, 1963, that CORE issued a press release on March 26, 1963, reporting that it was protesting the participation of Colorado citizens in supporting the Walker-Hargis rally. CORE reported that the racist position of the speakers is proof enough that the rally was truly "un-American."

Source Four reported that during the period of 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. on the evening of March 26, 1963, approximately 200 pickets carrying signs picketed in front of the East Denver High School in Denver, Colorado. Source reported that approximately 1,200 individuals attended the rally in the auditorium of East Denver High School. Source reported that the picketing was peaceful; however, there was considerable chanting by the pickets of the words "Meredith, yes; Walker, no."

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The March 27, 1963, issue of the "Rocky Mountain News" reports that Denver was described by Hargis and Walker as a hotbed of Communist activity. Hargis said that this was the first time that they had been picketed by any organizations other than the NAACP and CORE. Hargis said that the pickets intentionally or unintentionally are marching to the call of Khrushchev. He asked the audience to join one of the some 2,000 conservative groups, naming specifically the John Birch Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Americanism committees of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Concerning the NAACP, Hargis said that it was not what it tries to tell people it is; that it is not for the colored people, and the vast majority of the colored people reject it.

Hargis stated that the people of the United States are showing resentment of Bobby Kennedy's failure to enforce the Communist Registration Act.

Edwin Walker is reported to have said that the State Department is selling a propaganda line and there is every reason to believe it has lost confidence in conventional warfare as a means of defense as indicated by the ease with which Khrushchev moved into Cuba.

Walker is quoted to have said that Eisenhower sent troops to Little Rock, and Kennedy sent them to Oxford. Both Presidents ran to the Summit any time Khrushchev called. Walker said that he expected the next Summit would be in Havana, where one by-product would be building up Castro so he can make his second speech on the floor of our Congress.

Concerning Cuba, Walker said that what he would do about Cuba would be to take it the way Khrushchev did. He

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said the 82nd Airborne Division and those Cubans who want to go back ought to descend on Cuba and liquidate this scourge.

Characterizations of the Denver Branch, SWP, and the Denver Chapter, FPCC, are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)
DENVER CHAPTER

A source advised on December 15, 1960, that a meeting was held at the headquarters of the Denver Branch, Socialist Workers Party (SWP), on December 10, 1960, for the purpose of establishing a Denver Chapter of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. HOWARD WALLACE acted as chairman and an organizing committee was appointed.

HOWARD WALLACE has been identified by a source as a member of the Denver Branch, SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A source, on May 9, 1961, advised that on May 5, 1961, the Denver Chapter, FPCC, was formed with the following elected officers:

HARRY KAUFMAN NIER, Jr., Chairman
T. E. "DUKE" ROBERTSON, Jr., Secretary
NORMAN HODGETT, Treasurer

NORMAN HODGETT has been identified by a source as a member of the Denver Branch, SWP.

The Denver Chapter, FPCC, has publicly announced as its purpose to help bring to light the truth about Cuba. It has indicated the FPCC is virtually the sole organized source of critical dissent from American-Cuban policy in the United States. Announced aims of FPCC are to end the ban imposed by the U. S. Government on travel to Cuba, to present those aspects of events in Cuba which the press in this country ignores, and to work toward re-establishment of diplomatic relations and travel between the United States and Cuba.

A source advised in April, 1962, that the Denver Chapter, FPCC, had almost ceased to exist at that time, but in June, 1962, stated that at a meeting of the Denver Branch, SWP, HOWARD WALLACE proposed to reactivate the Denver Chapter, FPCC. Source advised that subsequently on June 15, 1962, a meeting of the Denver Chapter, FPCC, was held and plans formulated to place an advertisement in a Denver newspaper concerning the travel ban to Cuba.

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APPENDIX

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, DENVER BRANCH

A source advised in June, 1960, that as of May 24, 1960, the National Office, Socialist Workers Party (SWP), notified SWP members in Denver, Colorado, that they had fulfilled the constitutional requirements for the establishment of a branch and would thereafter be designated as such.

Another source advised on June 25, 1962, that the Denver Branch, SWP, collects dues from members, sends a portion thereof to the National Office, SWP, and follows instructions set forth by national officials of the SWP.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, DENVER (157-28)

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RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 3/29/63

There are enclosed herewith eight copies to the Bureau, two copies to Oklahoma City, and two copies to Dallas, of a letterhead memorandum regarding the appearance of the subjects in Denver on March 26, 1963.

Copies are being furnished Dallas as it is believed that WALKER resides in that city at the present time.

The identities of the sources are as follows:

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Source Two : [REDACTED]

Source Three : [REDACTED]

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Hargis Slates Crusade in OC

The annual convention of Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade, held in Tulsa in the past, will be in Oklahoma City this year.

The anti-Communist organization will meet Aug. 24 at Oklahoma City's Skirvin Hotel, Hargis announced today.

He said the move to Oklahoma City is aimed at establishing a policy of holding the convention in a different city each year.

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12 THE TULSA TRIBUNE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Date: JUNE 11, 1963

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Editor: HARMON PHILLIPS

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John Birch Society Founder to Keynote Crusade in City

The founder-director of the John Birch Society will keynote the fifth annual Christian Crusade next month in Oklahoma City, it was announced Saturday.

Robert Welch, organizer of the controversial organization, will be among speakers appearing at the Skirvin Hotel during the convention August 2-4.

In announcing Welch's appearance, Billy James

Hargis, Crusade director, said this will be the first time the crusade has been held outside Tulsa.

Welch, former vice president of a candy company, gave up his business ties in 1957 to form the anti-Communist society which is named for a missionary killed by Chinese Communist guerrillas after V-J day in 1945.

Fee for the weekend crusade will be \$10 per person Hargis said.

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4A THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN
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Editor: CHARLES L. BENNETT

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CHRISTIAN CRUSADE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

For information of the Bureau the annual convention of the Christian Crusade, an organization founded by and presently directed by Evangelist BILLY JAMES HARGIS, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 8/2-4/63.

ROBERT WELCH, founder and director of the John Birch Society, is scheduled to be one of the speakers at the convention.

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CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

The July 29, 1963, edition of "The Daily Oklahoman", an established newspaper published at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, contains an article entitled, "Christian Crusader Blasts A-Test Ban".

The article in essence states as follows:

Billy James Hargis, Tulsa evangelist, branded the U.S.-Russian-British test ban agreement as another deceit by Averell Harriman. Hargis, in making his comments, was speaking before a rally of approximately one-hundred persons at the Calvary Tabernacle, 1813 N.W. 2nd Street in Oklahoma City on July 28, 1963. The rally was held in advance of the Christian Crusade convention scheduled to be held August 2-4, 1963, at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Hargis stated he felt the greatest need in the U.S. is a spiritual and patriotical awakening. He claimed the Communist timetable calls for taking over the U. S. in two years and it is the business of the church to be in the forefront of the battle. He stated he still believed we can whip "Communism, liberalism, internationalism, world government, or what you call it".

Hargis stated Harriman "sold out the U.S. once before and Harriman knows you can not do business with the Communists. He stated 52 agreements have been made with the Communists since Yalta and 50 have been broken. Now we're going to foolishly disarm while others continue testing. There is no evidence Khrushchev has become a new man. This deal will enable the Communists to catch up. We tied our hands and they go on testing."

Hargis said the last free election in the U.S. will be next year unless a conservative is elected. He said he did not care which political party wins in 1964. He predicted a third U.S. political party would spring up in 1964 if neither party nominated a conservative. He said, "There'll be the biggest political convention in the history of the U.S. if they don't have a conservative. You know why? Because I'm going to help bring it about."

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CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

Hargis termed the U.S. Supreme Court decision on prayer as a "dastardly deed" and said the Bible reading decision this year is another "hit and run decision".

Hargis blamed the current racial agitation on the Communists. He then called for the need of a counter-balance for what he termed "a liberal group like the NAACP".

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AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: Civil Rights Section
General Investigative Division

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-158)

MARCH ON WASHINGTON
AUGUST 28, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, Washington Field and
Oklahoma City 7/29/63.

Enclosed are an article entitled "Christian Crusader
Blasts Agreement on A-Test Ban", and original and nine copies of
a LHM concerning criticism of the U.S.-Russian-British test ban
agreement by BILLY JAMES HARGIS, founder of Christian Crusade. One
copy of LHM is enclosed for Miami and Washington Field Offices.

As stated in retel the Fifth Annual Conference (Convention)
of Christian Crusade is scheduled to be held August 2-4, 1963, at
the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

It should be noted the original name of sponsoring organ-
ization was Christian Echoes National Ministry, Inc., a charitable
organization legally chartered under the state laws of the State
of Oklahoma. It had as its official publication the monthly maga-
zine, "Christian Crusade". The organization is now commonly
referred to as the Christian Crusade organization. The organization
occupies offices at 219 South Boston, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The organi-
zation was formed by Reverend BILLY JAMES HARGIS who considers
himself an evangelist. The organization has for several years been

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active as an anti-communist organization. HARGIS, the founder of the organization, continues to be director of the organization. Bureau has previously been furnished information concerning HARGIS, his organization and the anti-communist schools sponsored by his organization. The Bureau is also aware of HARGIS' previous attacks on Attorney General KENNEDY and other facets of the U.S. Government as well as the United Nations, ostensibly from an anti-communist standpoint.

It is noted retel states one of the purposes of the conference (8/2-4/63) will be to discuss policy and strategy for "patriots" to take home regarding the August 28 (1963) March on Washington. In view of the fact this is the Fifth Annual Convention of this organization and this has been planned at least since 6/11/63 it is considered that although it is likely the topic of the March on Washington will be included in the agenda of the convention, it probably was not one of the purposes of scheduling the convention. The Fourth Annual Convention was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 3-5, 1962.

For the information and consideration of the Bureau it should be noted the Youth Council of the NAACP has announced through the local press they plan a protest demonstration on August 4, 1963, at the Wedgewood Village Amusement Park. The demonstration will be in protest of the amusement park owner's announcement on 7/24/63, that after operating his park for thirty days on an integrated basis, he found it necessary to set up a procedure whereby the park would be integrated on a one day per week basis. The park owner announced that effective immediately the park would be fully integrated on Thursdays only.

In view of the fact retel indicates some of the "patriots" who plan to be in attendance at the Christian Crusade Conference plan also to be in Washington, D.C. for the March on Washington, it is considered they may likewise decide to appear at the scheduled NAACP Youth Council demonstration in Oklahoma City scheduled for the last day of their convention, i.e. 8/4/63.

Information copies of this communication and enclosed LHM being furnished Miami and Washington Field in view of their interest this matter.

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REQUEST OF BUREAU: In view of allegations retel concerning the group's interest in the March on Washington and the scheduled NAACP demonstration in Oklahoma City on 8/4/63, it is suggested Bureau consider authorizing the Oklahoma City Office to discreetly arrange for live coverage of the 8/2-4/63 Christian Crusade Fifth Annual Conference.

It is considered live coverage can be arranged through SAC contact NORMAN P. BAGWELL, a former SA of the FBI who is presently General Manager of WKY Radio and TV Station, Oklahoma City.

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ANDERSON, MAJOR GENERAL RACEY JORDAN AND OTHERS. STATES
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b7c [REDACTED] PREDICTS MANY PATRIOTS WILL GO TO WASHINGTON AND THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE. STATED PLANS ARE BEING FORMULATED FOR THE PATRIOTS TO STAY IN MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA PRIOR TO THE TWENTY EIGHTH OF AUGUST IN ORDER TO AVOID DETECTION AND SEARCH BY AUTHORITIES. STATED THE PATRIOTS WOULD ENTER WASHINGTON ON THE MORNING OF THE TWENTY EIGHTH AND MANY WOULD BE ARMED.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT DUE TO ILLNESS IN HIS FAMILY HE WAS NOT PLANNING TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

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Convention Demands Rights Turmoil Probe

By Gilbert Hill

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A formal resolution called upon the house un-American activities committee and the senate internal security committee to conduct the studies "for the purpose of revealing the true facts" behind current conflicts.

1,300 Delegates

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The resolutions also lash out at use of U. S. tax money to print a pamphlet issued by United Nations which "attempted to prove that racial equality exists behind the iron curtain."

"Our funds were used to print Soviet propaganda,

written by admitted Soviet authors."

The Christian Crusade is now distributing a book called "Color, Communism, and Common Sense," written by Manning Johnson, a Negro who quit the Communist Party after rising to become the head of its affairs in this country, said Hargis.

Awards Given

Hargis claims present racial strife was planned in the 1920's, and that Johnson outlines the exact program which is now being followed to "create civil war in this country that will weaken us until we'll be easy prey for Communism."

Crusade awards were presented to U. S. Rep. James B. Utt, California; Dr. George J. Harris, Bunker Hill, Ill.; Robert Dilley, Des Moines; radio station

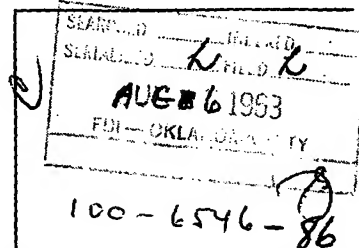
WGCB, Red Lion, Penn., owned by John Norris; the Borger News Herald, Borger, Texas; Fulton Lewis jr., radio commentator; Gen. Richard B. Mortan; Layman Cameron, San Antonio; A. B. McReynolds, Brandon, Fla.; former Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker; and Dr. Charles Poling.

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CHRISTIAN CRUSADE

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The article states, in part, the following:

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The article stated the resolutions also lash out at use of United States tax money to print a pamphlet issued by United Nations which "attempted to prove that racial equality exists behind the iron curtain. Our funds were used to print Soviet propaganda, written by admitted Soviet authors."

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MARCH ON WASHINGTON
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RACIAL MATTERS

Reference previous communications concerning captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are an article captioned "Convention Demands Rights Turmoil Probe," which appeared in the 8-5-63 evening edition of the "Oklahoma City Times," and eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning this article. A copy of the letterhead memorandum is enclosed for information of Washington Field.

The Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

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Big Government Ripped by Welch

By Katherine Hatch

The greatest tragedy of the 20th century is the increase of "swollen, overextended" government everywhere, Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, said Friday night in Oklahoma City.

Speaking to 500 persons attending his keynote address of the Christian Crusade, Welch called "this tragedy" greater than the Communist menace.

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Even when composed of honest and intelligent individuals, government combines and increases the stupidity of men.

"And for a government, the stupid action, stupid course, is almost always the

easiest and safest course," he said.

In an interview before his talk in the Skirvin Tower's Persian Room, Welch said the society is not strong in Oklahoma.

"This is certainly not one of our strong states," the former candy firm executive said. "It's fairly weak, but we've recently had a coordinator here who's based in Dallas."

When asked if the John Birchers supported a particular candidate for the 1964 presidential election, Welch said the society has "no position ever in regard to politics."

"Members do have strong opinions on this," he said. "And we encourage that, give them the inspiration to become better citizens and make up their own minds."

The society's majority of the society, made up of about half Democrats, half Republicans, and some independents, probably would back a conservative candidate.

On the nation's local upheaval, Welch said:

"We have a very strong position and we take absolute no position."

"This matter should be left up to local communities to handle. The federal government has no right to say what local groups should do."

Welch was warmly re-

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ceived by the audience, and drew frequent laughter and applause as he recounted 20 incidents of his life.

Over half of them involved "some incredible folly on the part of some government."

He told of being given oranges by a Turkish shopkeeper in 1949 who wouldn't let Welch buy them because he (the Turk) was grateful to America.

"America is now the most hated nation on earth," he said, noting a "tremendous tragedy of the change."

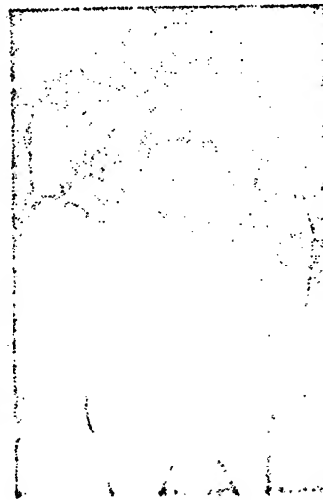
Another anecdote, Welch said, pointed out the "folly and cruel horror of war, and he railed at "well-fed diplomats who play at games."

"Almost always, it is the governments which take their people into war," Welch said, "not the people who want their governments to go to war."

In summing up his 90-minute talk, Welch was applauded when he said as stupid as people can be, "none of us anywhere can begin to touch governments when it comes to stupidity."

"It is the tendency to increasing, swollen, over-extended government that constitutes the greatest tragedy of the 20th century," he said.

Welch said the world's people — except for communists — "who, if they are



Robert Welch

truly communists can't be thought of as human beings in any consideration of humanitarian qualities" — are nearly alike.

"Ninety - nine percent of the people, as entirely distinct from nations or governments, are rude, selfish, mean, unfair, intolerant and cruel."

"This same 99 percent are polite, generous, helpful and, compassionate, friendly and kind," he continued.

"The difference is the way you approach them and what you give yourself."

Friday night's opening session of the Crusade, which ends Sunday night, drew persons from 33 states.